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Sir:

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Applicant also wishes to bring the following commonly-assigned pending patent applications to the attention of the Examiner:

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/687,004 (18662) filed October 16, 2003, by Urlaub et al. for "High Surface Area Material Blends for Odor Reduction, Articles Utilizing Such Blends and Methods of Using Same."

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/687,425 (18843) filed October 16, 2003, by Fish et al. for "Odor Absorbing Extrudates."

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/686,687 (19192) filed October 16, 2003, by MacDonald et al. for "Durable Charged Particle Coatings and Materials."

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/687,327 (19559) filed October 16, 2003, by Boga et al. for "Method and Device for Detecting Ammonia Odors and Helicobacter Pylori Urease Infection."

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/687,269 (19233) filed October 16, 2003, by MacDonald et al. for "Odor Controlling Article Including a Visual Indicating Device for Monitoring Odor Absorption."

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/686,933 (19232) filed October 16, 2003, by MacDonald et al. for "Method for Reducing Odor Using Colloidal Nanoparticles."

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/686,938 (19340) filed October 16, 2003, by Do et al. for "Method for Reducing Odor Using Metal-Modified Silica."

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/686,939 (19290) filed October 16, 2003, by McGrath et al. for "Method for Reducing Odor Using Metal-Modified Particles."

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/686,937 (19490) filed October 16, 2003, by Wu et al. for "Method for Reducing Odor Using Coordinated Polydentate Compounds."

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/325,474 (18113) filed December 20, 2002, by Lye et al. for "Delivery System for Functional Compounds."

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/328,730 (18078) filed December 23, 2002, by Quincy, III, et al. for "Odor Control Composition."

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/137,052 (17604) filed April 30, 2002, by MacDonald for "Metal Ion Modified High Surface Area Materials for Odor Removal and Control."

These applications are not listed on the accompanying PTO Form 1449; however, copies of these applications are provided herewith.

By inclusion of any given document in this Information Disclosure Statement, Applicants in no way admit that such document is effective as prior art against the above-identified application under either 35 U.S.C. 102 or 35 U.S.C. 103.

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The Examiner is requested to review each cited document and personally determine its prior art status.

Applicants recommend that the Examiner conduct an independent search for any and all available material prior art and independently review the results of such search and the documents cited within this Statement.

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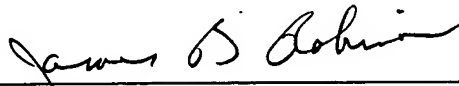
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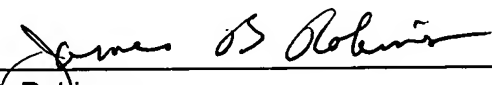
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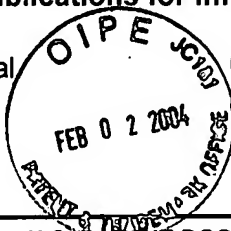
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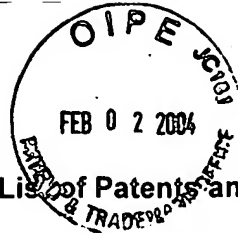
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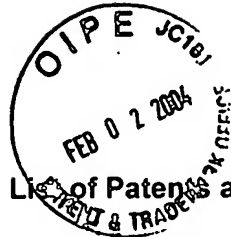
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